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FOR THE AMBASSADOR AND THE EMBASSY STAFF
FROM ASSISTANT SECRETARY WILLIAM D. ROGERS

1. BEFORE DEPUTY SECRETARY INGERSOLL, THE LATIN AMERICAN AMBASSADORS TO THE WHITE HOUSE AND TO THE OAS AND OTHER ASSEMBLED GUESTS, I TOOK THE OATH OF OFFICE OCTOBER 7 AS ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE FOR INTER-AMERICAN AFFAIRS.

2. AS I TRIED TO SAY IN MY REMARKS, MOVING INTO THIS OFFICE IS AS AWESOME AS IT IS GRATIFYING. BUT I DO SO WITH A HIGH SPIRIT. I HAVE BEEN ABLE TO RESTRAIN MY PUBLIC ENTHUSIASM FOR US POLICY IN LATIN AMERICA AT TIMES IN THE PAST, AS YOU KNOW. NOW, HOWEVER, I AM PERSUADED THAT IN CONSEQUENCE OF THE NEW DIALOGUE, BORN AT THE TLATELOLCO CONFERENCE, WE ARE AT A UNIQUE MOMENT IN HISTORY AND THAT WE CAN INDEED BRING ABOUT SOME MEANINGFUL IMPROVEMENTS IN RELATIONS BETWEEN THE NATIONS OF THIS HEMISPHERE. THAT IS WHY I AM HERE. I AM PARTICULARLY PLEASED TO BE RETURNING TO GOVERNMENT SERVICE IN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, DELIGHTED TO CONTEMPLATE

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